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## Top goal here: Organize Sears!

### REPORT

To Our Reader - Owners

#### FRIVOLITY

The frivolity of the American press, radio, and television is often cited as one of the reasons our country is falling behind in the race for supremacy. We're entertainment-mad, it has often been said, and certainly it's been mentioned in this column from time to time.

Take an instance. The Chronicle in its issue of January 5 had three important stories on page one: Russian rocket speeds up, racing for sun; Castro orders end to general strike; big layoff in American Airline strike. An unprecedented feat by our chief rival in world affairs; a great revolution in a nearby country; and 20,000 workers laid off in the course of an industrial controversy.

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#### SEXIFY, FRIVOLIZE!

Well, the lads on the Chronicle couldn't do much to sexify and frivolize the Russian achievement, but they surely did their best, on the Cuban revolution and the big layoff of workers.

Anent the Cuban revolution they ran a picture of a gal with a pistol on her hip, captioned her "Cuban Gun Girl," and called her also "this alluring Cuban rebel."

As for the story of the big layoff hitting hard so many workers and their families, they started off by declaring that "one of the most glamorous groups of jobless young women ever to seek unemployment insurance will form a shapely line" at the application window. These girls were stewardesses.

"Gun girl," "alluring," "glamorous," "shapely line." Good work, lads. Sexify, frivolize, make everything trivial whether it be a revolution full of torture, murder, bitter guerilla warfare; or an industrial crisis hitting many thousands of people. And mind you, the Chronicle is not one of the worst of sexifying frivolizing sheets.

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#### MEANWHILE RUSSIA . . .

Russia soars to the sun, while we dig around in the gutter.

(About the only reaction some readers will have to this is that maybe our editor is a Communist!)

KENETH M. HOOVER, nationally-known transportation expert, has been appointed chief engineer of the five-county San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District.

### OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

## CLC is warned Fremont recall battle serious

The effort of reactionary forces in Fremont to unseat Mrs. Winifred H. Bendel as a member of the Fremont City Council in the recall election February 3 is getting "vicious and rough" and is "turning into a regular class war against labor."

Ken Steadman of the Steelworkers, himself a City Councilman of Fremont, so warned the Central Labor Council this week.

He said that Mrs. Bendel was being attacked by reactionaries for following exactly the same policies which he had been following, and that if the anti-labor forces succeeded in getting the Fremont voters to recall Councilwoman Bendel it would be a great defeat for labor.

"It's really a continuation of the same election battle which resulted in my election as a Councilman last April," said Steadman. "I went into the fight in April at the request of labor people, and if labor doesn't give Mrs. Bendel real backing now, it'll begin to look as though labor doesn't back the people it puts into office."

He asked every delegate who lives in the Fremont city limits, or who knows anyone living there, to do everything possible to head off the well financed and dangerous recall movement.

Tony Polverosa, also of the Steelworkers, who resides in San Leandro, said that the same newspapers now attacking Steadman and Mrs. Bendel had similarly attacked liberals in San Leandro, and of course were in favor of Proposition 18 when that anti-labor measure was before the people.

"Fremont is growing fast," said Polverosa, "and it is extremely important that we help Steadman and his allies hold what ground we've gained there." If we don't win this fight, we're liable to be thrown back for years to come."

Thomas Almond, Carpenters 36, said that as one living in the embattled municipality, he had been confused by the floods of publicity on both sides in the shape of leaflets and such, and

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## Andrew Evans of IUE to work with Drohan here

Andrew Evans, field representative for the International Union of Electrical, Radio, and Machine Workers recently working in the Fresno area, has been assigned to assist William D. Drohan, field representative for the IUE here.

Drohan, who is second vice president of the Central Labor Council, has his IUE office in the Pacific Building.

## GET SEATED IN CLC ON JAN. 19 OR LOSE VOTE IN ELECTION ON FEB. 2!

Newly elected delegates to the Central Labor Council must be seated by this coming Monday, January 19, or lose the right to vote for officers and standing committees of the CLC on election night, February 2. This reminder was given by CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash at the council meeting this week.

Nominations will be made at the meetings of January 19 and 26.

## Labor must watch flood of proposed laws for 120 days

The Central Labor Council this week authorized Secretary Robert S. Ash to attend any meeting of the Legislature or of its committees which he deems necessary during the 120 days of lawmaking at Sacramento.

He was also authorized to send either of the two assistant secretaries, Richard Groulx or Arthur Hellender, at any time needed.

Further, the delegates authorized an appeal to the California Labor Federation officials to speed up the reporting of the new bills to all labor councils as they are introduced.

Ash pointed out that previously the Legislature met for a month and introduced bills, then recessed a month before beginning to pass them. This gave the Federation a chance to analyze the bills and issue a booklet suggesting which were good and which bad.

No such time for meditation and publication is now allowed—there's a flood of bills to be watched for 120 days!

## Delegates seated by Labor Council

The following were obligated as delegates to the Central Labor Council at the last two meetings: A. L. Brophy, Moving Picture Operators 169; Donnell Fernandes, Rubber Workers 64; Mel C. Glanz, Communications Workers 9490; Edward Rogers, Newspaper Printing Pressmen 39; Wayne L. Bailey, Harry W. Grimes, Carmen 192; Della Safford, Newel Bryan, Kenneth Kail, Jim Marshall, Southern Alameda County School Employees 1570; Carl Oliveira, E. A. English, Government Employees 1533; Don Gardner, Printing Pressmen 125; H. E. Goslin, Welders 1330; Robert H. Veldman, Machinists 284; J. S. Endress, H. B. Skillinger, Bill Posters 44; Charles Perine, Machinists 1566; Harry Lear, Automotive Machinists 1546.

## Many unions aid Store Clerks seeking to sign 700 workers

Some of the most hair-raising McClellan Committee testimony about deals between management and expensive Mr. Fixits to prevent workers getting the benefits of unionism involved the Sears Roebuck stores.

Apparently many union members and officers remember this very well. When last week Russ Mathiesen, Department & Specialty Store Clerks 1265, told delegates to the Central Labor Council that he'd appreciate union people phoning in the names of persons working at the Sears stores in Oakland and Hayward, he got a big response.

Delegates who heard his appeal got busy, and many who read a little item about it in East Bay Labor Journal also got busy. The result is that Mathiesen and his cohorts, busy in the drive to organize the 700 salespeople in the two big stores, now have what Mathiesen calls "some fine leads."

Attention of readers is again called to the telephone number of Local 1265, which is TEMplebar 2-3823. Phone that number with any suggestion you have

for helping to organize the Sears stores.

"We have a good crew of organizers," Mathiesen told East Bay Labor Journal this week, "and we are making good progress. So far all our organizers on the project have been men, but women are being added next week, and this will help in getting the women clerks to appreciate the benefits of union organization."

Some of the organizers are supplied by the Retail Clerks International Union, with which Local 1265 is affiliated, and the general president of which is James A. Suffridge, member of Food Clerks Local 870 here and formerly secretary-treasurer of that local.

"The help other unions are giving us is outstanding," said Mathiesen. "I think all union people realize that it is essential to get Sears organized."

There are about 400 salespeople in the Sears store at Hayward eligible for membership in Local 1265, and about 300 in the Oakland store.

## Jobless Fund should pay jury duty wage, BTC told

The jury duty pay resolution introduced at the recent convention of the merged California Labor Federation by the Alameda County Building Trades Council was not adopted.

This was reported at the last meeting of the Building Trades Council here by BTC Business Representative J. L. Childers.

Representative Childers stated further that in his opinion it was a matter for legislative action, as jury duty pay equivalent to the pay a building tradesman would receive if on the job should come out of the Federal-State Unemployment Fund. Otherwise, he felt, the payments might even break a small contractor, which would do no good to anyone.

The five resolutions introduced by the local BTC at the State BTC convention and then referred to the California Labor Federation bore the following titles: Garmond Decision, Jury Duty Pay, Bid on Public Works, Anti-Union Employer Activities, and Suede Shoe Operation.

Gardeners 1206, affiliated with the BTC, introduced one entitled Governmental Employees.

Thirty-five resolutions went to the State BTC and later to the Federation convention from building trades groups in other parts of the State.

Marius Waldal, Carpenters 1622, said that he felt a good job

had been done on resolutions, and he especially appreciated the way the State BTC had backed the crafts in the current problems they face. He said he thought there ought to be issued a breakdown of the contents of the resolutions, and Childers said that this would be done.

#### COMMITTEE WORK

President Joseph Pruss said that some of the council's committees, including Health & Welfare, COPE, Law & Legislation, had been somewhat inactive, and added that even the Board of Business Agents, the executive committee of the council, had failed to produce quorums for the scheduled sessions December 23 and 30.

In the case of the Board of Business Agents, Pruss suggested, delegates should ask their business agents: "Do you or do you not attend the meetings of the board?"

A checkup was being made of all committees, the president said, and more activity would be expected from all of them.

President Pruss then appointed J. L. "Blackie" Miller to the vacancy on the Tom Roberts Memorial Committee created by the resignation of Floyd Peaslee of Painters 127, the same local to which Miller belongs.

Pruss as the council's representative on the Veterans MORE on page 7



# HOW TO BUY

## Stainless steel imitations

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS  
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

Stainless steel tableware has become very popular. Good-quality stainless is not cheap, but it's less expensive than good-quality silver. For example, 24-piece sets are available this year for as little as \$18 and up to \$40 compared to \$40 to \$60 for silver-plate. Moreover, stainless eases housework. Good-quality stainless tableware never requires polishing since it doesn't rust or tarnish. But perhaps the biggest reason for the boom in stainless is that it features modern, simple, graceful patterns without embellishment, that young people usually want in home furnishings today.

But there's trouble in Paradise. For there is good-quality stainless and poor-quality too, and sometimes you can't tell the difference. True stainless steel has at least 11½ percent chromium, which gives stainless steel most of its corrosion resistance. But there is no international standard for stainless steel as there is for "sterling" silver. So you can't always be sure.

American manufacturers have adopted a rigid code which assures buyers that any American-made sets are true stainless steel. But nowadays there also is much imported stainless tableware on the market, and not all of it adheres to the true stainless standard. Scandinavian stainless is good although sometimes expensive. Some of the other imports vary in quality. Japanese stainless tableware includes both good and inferior alloys. The danger is that if the alloy is not true stainless, the ware does stain and you lose the big advantage it is supposed to have.

All U. S.-made stainless tableware does meet the standard for true stainless. It will have at least fairly good stain resistance whether you pay \$6 or \$36 for a 24-piece set.

But there are other quality differences, apparent to your eye and hand once you know what to look for. It's also significant that much of the lower-quality stainless is fancier and more decorated than the better ware. Just as in clothing and furniture, cheap goods are often given extra decoration in an attempt to hide their basically low quality.

The price range in stainless tableware is tremendous. The less-expensive ware usually is sold in sets, and the costlier in

place settings. You don't have to pay a high price. Even the less-costly sets are serviceable for everyday use.

Nor need you buy all at once. Less-expensive tableware can be bought in sets of 16 to 20 pieces. You can start with a daily-use plan—enough four- or five-piece place settings for the family. A five-piece place settings for the family. A five-piece place setting generally includes a knife, fork, salad fork, soup spoon and teaspoon. Later you can add extra place settings and the often-used serving pieces, such as serving spoons, gravy ladle and butter serving knife. Extra teaspoons are especially useful.

Stainless steel requires no special care. Drying immediately after washing prevents white "water spots." These are actually deposits from the tap water.

## Women gaining ground in U. S.

The status of the American woman gained ground during 1956-57. According to Mrs. Alice K. Leopold, assistant to the Secretary of Labor and director of the Labor Department's Women's Bureau, distaff achievements soared in this two-year period.

Statistics in a publication prepared by the bureau show that women hold nearly one-third of the nation's jobs, constitute nearly one-fifth of all labor union members and account for about one-third of all college students. They also cast about half the votes in the last Presidential election.

The 22,000,000 women at work represent more than one-third of the total adult distaff population in the United States. A total of 6,000,000 women work as secretaries, stenographers, typists and in other clerical jobs and more than 2,000,000 are in professional occupations.

## Women make own draperies

Every year, more than 29,000,000 women take into their own hands the matter of creating draperies. And, they discover, there is more to a window treatment than two lengths of fabric and hems.

Now that window covering are becoming more lavish, the sewing population of this country is reacting with vigor, according to a leading sewing machine manufacturer. Even so far as slip covers go, 11,500,000 "ayes" are registered annually by women needlers of the land.

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## To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

YOUNG WOMAN living in Berkeley went into a San Francisco court the other day and got a judgment against a young man for \$125 a month for support of her unborn infant. The young man, who will get his final decree of divorce about the same time the young lady gets hers, conceded that "for the purpose of this hearing," he is "the father of the unborn child."

The young lady already, it was brought out in court, had an income of "\$310 a month, \$160 in salary and \$150 from her former husband." With the young man's \$125, she will have \$435 a month; meanwhile the young man will get along on \$137.50 a month, as up to the time of the judgment against him he had an income of \$262.50, and if you deduct \$125 from that, you can see what he has left.

SOMETHING or other should doubtless be deduced from this little story of everyday life, but the present writer lacks the brains to do it.

It's like so many things you read about; you just read 'em and marvel.

## No excuse for no breakfast!

Are you a "breakfast skipper"—settle for a roll and cup of coffee? If so, you are cheating yourself.

There is really no excuse for omitting breakfast or for eating an inadequate breakfast. According to nutritionists, breakfast should account for one-fourth to one-third of the day's food needs. Without a good breakfast, neither child nor adult can do his best at work and play—irritability and nervousness often result.

Good breakfasts are no accident. The plan for breakfast begins when the market order is written. Breakfast menus for the school and work days—five days in most families—should be planned.

Like any other meal of the day, breakfast should be planned around a good protein. Eggs are one good answer—tailored by nature to fit the special requirements of breakfast needs.

## A quiet room quiets the soul

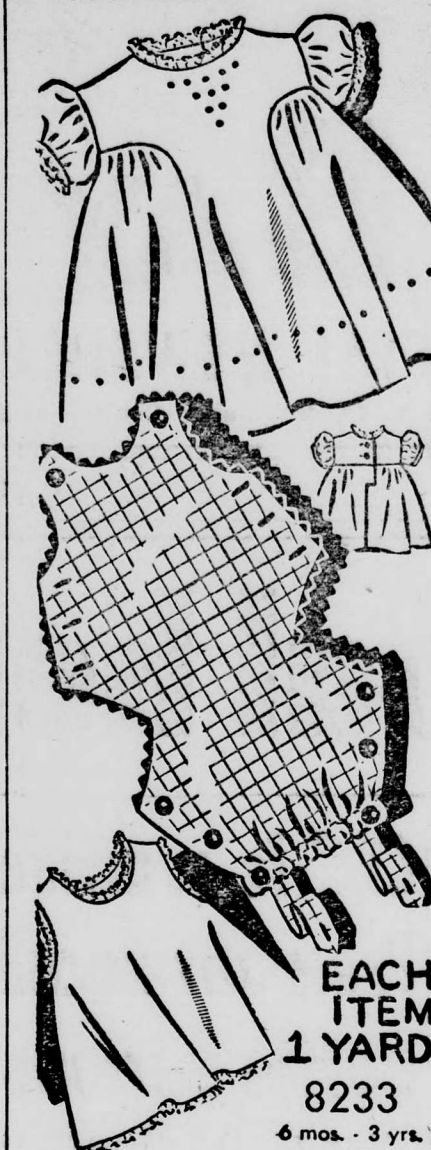
A quiet room is better than a tranquillizing pill any day and, besides, it lasts longer.

This is the credo of Kim Hoffmann, a soft-spoken man who specializes in serene surroundings.

Over the last twenty-five years, he has furnished the offices of numerous psychiatrists, and he applies many of the same theories to decorating homes.

He is so good at his job that most patients, on entering a Hoffmann-designed room, feel their jangling nerves go limp before reaching the analyst's couch.

## Barbara Bell Patterns



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## Oatmeal cookies and crisp, too!

6 tablespoons shortening (part butter for flavor)

½ cup sugar  
1¼ cups uncooked rolled oats  
¼ cup milk  
½ teaspoon vanilla  
¾ cup sifted flour  
½ teaspoon cream of tartar  
½ teaspoon soda  
¼ teaspoon salt

Cream shortening and sugar together. Add rolled oats, milk, vanilla. (No egg is needed.) Stir in rest of ingredients sifted together. Chill dough. Break off marble-size balls, place on greased baking sheet and flatten with bottom of water glass covered with waxed paper. Bake at 400° (hot) 6 to 8 minutes or until golden brown. Makes about 50.

## Those 'violets'

Your African violets will do best in rooms where the temperature is 75 degrees in the daytime and no lower than 60 degrees at night. If the temperature drops too low the already formed flowers will drop prematurely and the buds may fail to open. The leaves will turn downward around the edges.

## BOOST THE LABEL!

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When making purchases, always ask for the union label. If building a home or repairing one, see that the men doing the plumbing or steamfitting work, painting, etc., belong to the union. Ask to see their Card. Boost the union emblem and help yourself. Patronize and demand the following union cards:



## Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

"HELP FOR HANDICAPPED WOMEN" is the title of an excellent booklet recently published by the Women's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor.

The fancy name for this sort of help is "vocational rehabilitation." It simply means the retaining of a woman who, through accident or illness is no longer able to do the work she once did, as she once did it, and needs to be taught either to do new things or to do old things in new ways.

Nearly 25,000 women were helped in 1957. Of those rehabilitated through the State-Federal program, about 70% were wage earners, and 30% housewives or other workers in the family home.

The wage earners are of a large variety of occupations—doctors, nurses, teachers, social workers, bookkeepers and clerical workers of all kinds. Handicapped homemakers include mothers who must keep house and care for children from a wheel-chair, perhaps, or under other disabilities.

This reeducation of people who have suffered disabilities is rather a new thing. In other days, and not so long ago, the handicapped got sympathy, sometimes charity, but rarely the help they really needed, the help that would enable them to help themselves, to become once more self-supporting, self-respecting citizens.

Meeting this need has also given rise to many new occupations for both men and women—social work, rehabilitation counselling, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech and hearing therapy as well as many others.

And while the world seems to go from bad to worse in so many ways, here is one way in which it seems to be getting better and better.

Women through their various organizations have been responsible for many of these new projects. And the field is still wide open. Individually and through groups women can find work to do in this increasingly important field.

## Sauce, Asparagus

A piquant sauce for asparagus can be made as simply as this: Season one cup of prepared mayonaisse with a small quantity of minced garlic and fold in three heaping tablespoons of whipped cream. This is delicious on either hot or cold asparagus.

## Quick sauce

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## Some major points on labor matters stressed by Brown

The California Labor Federation's newsletter calls attention to the following points in Governor Brown's inaugural address of immediate interest to organized labor:

1. Enactment of an FEP law for California, making illegal discrimination by an employer or a labor union on the grounds of race, creed, national origin, or age.
2. A \$1.25 per hour state minimum wage for all workers not covered by the federal Fair Labor Standards Act.
3. Liberalization of social insurance programs in the field of unemployment compensation, unemployment disability insurance and workmen's compensation.
4. Enactment of a so-called labor reform program, the details of which are to be the subject of a special message to the legislature at a later date.
5. Noting that the voters firmly rejected the so-called "right to work" initiative, Governor Brown called on the legislature to move forward in a "new and objective atmosphere . . . to strengthen the integrity of the collective bargaining process".

## Judge considering order on Teamos

The Teamsters Board of Monitors has submitted a proposed order intended to spell out its cleanup powers in regard to the union for the approval of U. S. District Judge F. Dickinson Letts.

The language of the proposed order, if approved by Judge Letts, would allow the majority of the monitors headed by Chairman Martin F. O'Donoghue to enforce compliance in court, if necessary, with numerous "recommendations" previously presented to the Teamsters executive board.

Letts was slated to receive the proposed order, together with a proposed set of findings and conclusions, in a court hearing January 9.

Former Republican Senator George H. Bender (O.) has reported he is contributing to charity all of the fees he received as chairman of the Teamsters' "anti-racketeering commission."

Bender, paid by the union at the rate of \$250 a day for the investigation, said his fees amounted to \$19,250. — AFLCIO News.

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**BAKERY WAGON DRIVERS 432** retiring president, S. J. Wright (left) is shown shaking hands with Glenn Fullerton, general manager of the Blue Seal bakery, at the party in Wright's honor. Wright had worked 36 years for Blue Seal (formerly Remar Baking Company) when he retired in December.

## Bakery Driver chief 30 years

S. J. Wright, president of Bakery Wagon Drivers 432 for 30 years, who is now retiring, was paid warm tributes of affection and respect at a party recently.

Wright started in the bakery business when 14 years of age, at the Dwight Way Bakery on Dwight Way just off Shattuck in Berkeley. He worked there until 1922, when he went to work for the Remar Baking Company, now the Blue Seal Baking Company. He had been with the plant 36 years when he retired in December of last year.

Wright is the oldest member of Local 432, and is next to Paul Fuhrer in length of continuous membership.

Wright's father, Sam Wright, and brother, J. G. Wright, opened the old Golden Sheaf bakery in Berkeley in 1876.

He is not only proud of his long membership in Local 432, but of his membership in the Veteran Volunteer Firemen of Berkeley.

The longtime president of the local retires under the Bakery Wagon Drivers pension plan plus his Social Security. He has been presented by his fellow members with a new model TV set accompanied by all the appropriate fixings, and is highly honored

## One Labor Council was for Ed Park, but thinks Jack Henning is fine

Fresno-Madera Labor Councils delegates instructed Secretary Bill O'Rear to write Governor-Elect Pat Brown congratulating him on his appointment of Jack Henning, research director of the California Federation of Labor, to the post of director of the department of industrial relations.

The council had originally urged Brown to reappoint Edward Parks, the man Henning succeeds in the \$16,000 a year job. O'Rear said that the council delegates are "obviously more than happy" with Henning's appointment.

"We feel," O'Rear said, "that he is an extremely able, liberal-thinking man whom can do a good job in his new post." — Valley Labor Citizen.

for his faithful and devoted service to Local 432 and the labor movement.

At the election held December 20 to choose officers for three-year terms, Joe B. Wangberg was elected to succeed Wright as president. Peter R. Kinst was elected vice president.

Les Benham was reelected secretary-treasurer, and at the end of this term will have served in that office 19 years; he has also served as a business representative since 1952 upon the retirement of Paul Fuhrer. Benham has been a member of Local 432 since 1919, and has served continuously as an officer for over 20 years.

Lester M. Summerfield was reelected recording secretary and assistant business representative; John H. Church was elected trustee for the three-year term. The holdover trustees are A. J. Capurro and Dan T. Shea.

## Ousting by union argued in court

Attorneys for the American Civil Liberties Union are appearing before the State Supreme Court this week to argue three cases, one of them on the validity of an expulsion from a labor union.

The union case is Allen vs. United Brotherhood of Carpenters, Local 1976; a test of the expulsion from a labor union of a member charged with "communist-front" support.

ACLU attorneys A. L. Wirin and Abraham Gorenfeld argues for the reinstatement of James T. Allen, former business agent of the Carpenters local, who was expelled in 1955 on charges of "giving aid and comfort to revolutionary organizations."

Wirin charged that Allen was denied a proper hearing and the right to confront adverse witnesses, and his ouster was based entirely on hearsay evidence with a specification of charges.

**TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS** involving bicycles are increasing in some East Bay cities, warned the East Bay Chapter, National Safety Council.

## LABOR RADIO PROGRAMS KEEP UP WITH CONGRESS

Two commentators have programs sponsored by the AFLCIO Monday through Friday each week on KGO.

Edward P. Morgan is on from 6:00 to 6:15 p.m.

John W. Vandercook is on from 7:00 to 7:05 p.m.

## Bob Crown authors anti-cross filing

Assemblyman Bob Crown of the 14th District in his first letter of the new session of the Legislature to his constituents says in part:

I am very happy to say that some twenty-five people from our district, chartered a bus, and came to Sacramento for the inauguration. I certainly welcome any of you to visit me during the session. . . .

I am one of the principal authors of a bill to abolish cross-filing in California. This would mean that a man could run only on the ballot of his particular party in the primary. The repeal of cross-filing has long been a Democratic platform plank and I feel quite strongly that the repeal will mean a more fair election procedure. . . .

I also co-authored AB 91 for the creation of a fair employment practices act, making it illegal to discriminate against people in employment by virtue of color, creed or race.

## Some things Brown wants looked into

Governor Brown has urged the legislature to establish a specific research and development program to put the best minds in and out of government to work on a wide range of long-term problems for which he had no recommendations.

The governor listed in this category "the plight of workers frozen in their jobs by pensions which cannot be transferred, discrimination in housing, the defects of the present health insurance program, and new problems on the frontiers of space." — California Labor Federation.

## Outline of labor message Governor Brown is planning

The California Labor Federation news letter reminds readers that Governor Brown has indicated that the special labor message he will issue later will include the following recommendations:

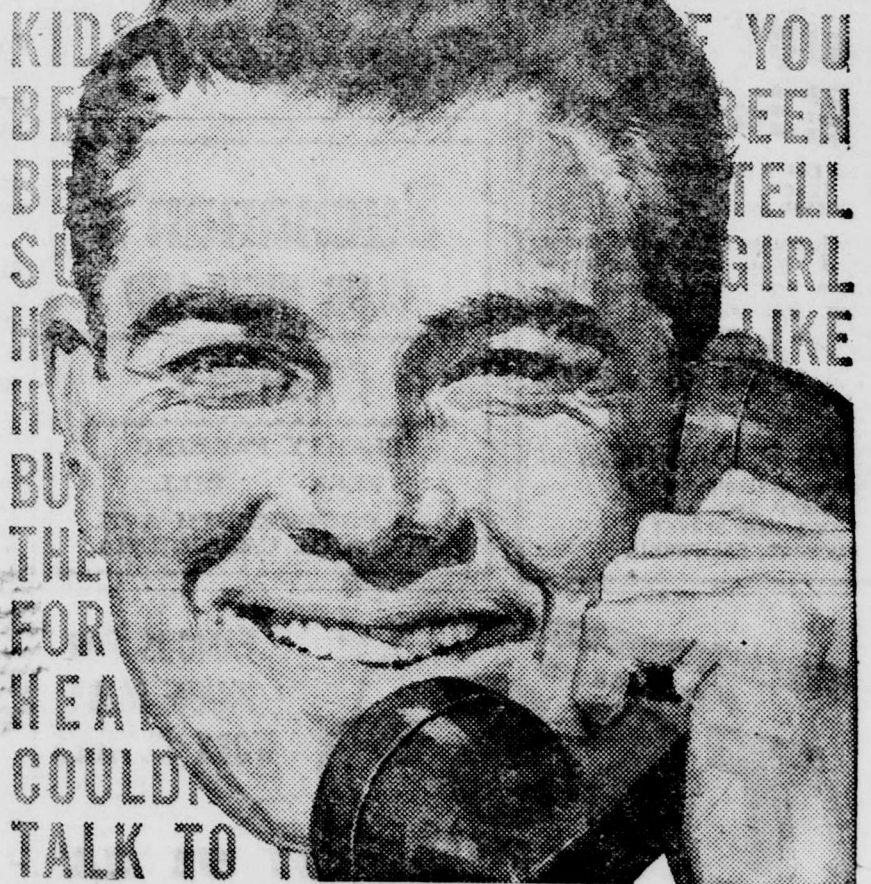
- Legislation under which employees in intrastate commerce can choose a bargaining representative;
  - Legislation specifically outlawing bribes to union officials;
  - Legislation setting up safeguards concerning union meetings and elections, and providing for the recall of union officers for misconduct;
  - Legislation preventing loans by unions to their officers, and requiring union officers and management consultants to file financial statements; and
  - Legislation governing the relationship between a local union and its parent organization.
- The Governor said "such laws would be safeguards against the irresponsible minority whose conduct damages all of labor". He added "But there must be no punitive measures against free and responsible unions, which have brought untold progress and living conditions to our state".

## Dellums praises Brown on the FEPC

A swelling tide of commendation for Governor Pat Brown's "forthright and forceful" leadership on fair employment practices legislation is sweeping across the state, according to a press release issued by the California Committee for Fair Employment Practices, coordinating body for the organizations seeking enactment of an FEPC law.

At the same time the committee announced the launching of a "campaign in every county, to insure an overwhelming majority in the State Senate," says C. L. Dellums of Oakland, chairman of the committee and West Coast Regional President of the NAACP.

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## Ash appointed as Finks writes and Chronicle opines

Governor Brown last week appointed Robert S. Ash, secretary of the Central Labor Council, to the State Personnel Board, a part-time position.

Ash replaces Harry Finks, secretary of the Sacramento Central Labor Council, a Republican



ROBERT S. ASH

who had been appointed by former Governor Knight to fill out an unexpired term ending this month.

Brown when making the appointment released a letter from Finks, dated that day, January 9, in which Finks declared that he did not wish reappointment, due to "exceedingly heavy" work "with the California Labor Federation, AFLCIO; and the Sacramento-Yolo Counties Central Labor Council."

The Chronicle in its news story of January 10 on the matter said that "however, it is widely known that Finks fought hard for reappointment, and resigned only after he learned Ash was going to get the job anyway."

Both Ash and Finks are vice presidents of the California Labor Federation, and have been leading labor figures on opposing sides in various State elections.

Governor Brown in announcing Ash's appointment also announced that he was retaining in office the entire membership of the Governor's Advisory

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## Painters Local No. 127

By J. S. MILLER

At the last meeting on January 8 although it was pretty wet the attendance was more than expected. There was considerable discussion on proposed changes in the agreement. One suggestion was made that anyone who has any idea of any change should write it out and submit it to the local union so that your committee will know what the membership wants.

At the next meeting of the union to be held on January 22 there will be a showing of moving pictures on various items all the way from the northern reaches of Canada to the southern part of Mexico. That is what brother Rutledge has informed me. Hope he shows the northern one first so we can get warmed up on the southern scenes.

The new safety orders covering the construction industry are now in the office. All members should get one and read it and then abide by it, so we can cut down the great number of accidents to the painter each year. After all, we can make more money on the job than we can in a hospital.

## Steel Machinists 1304

By DAVE ARCA

Now that a merger is accomplished in California, why can't a union worker transfer from one union to another without having to pay an initiation fee to each union?

Local 1304 has for years accepted to membership, any member of a bonafide union who finds employment under our jurisdiction. He deposits his transfer, withdrawal, or proof of membership in good standing, then starts paying monthly dues.

Unhappily, the same courtesy is not extended to 1304 members who are forced to seek employment under the jurisdiction of other unions.

Perhaps the idea is too new. Here's a special word to the wives of 1304 members. 1959 is a negotiation year for most of the plants under our jurisdiction. Talk to your hubby and find out how he feels about wages and conditions in his plant.

We feel strongly about a firm stand on pensions this year. A man has a right to some recognition for the years of service to his employer, even if the employer is a multi-million dollar corporation.

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## Steamfitters Local 342

By JIM MARTIN

The general offices of the United Association have advised all local unions that traveling members of the United Association are not picking up their travel cards when leaving the jurisdiction of the local union in which their travel card is deposited. This is particularly true when the member returns to his home local union.

Under Section 169 (g) of the Constitution when a member has his travel card deposited in a local union he is obligated to pay travel card dues to that local union until his travel card is released to him.

Now, it is most important that you obtain your travel card when leaving the jurisdiction of the local union in which your travel card is deposited so as to avoid paying the travel card dues which accrue. Travel card dues continue in the local union until your travel card is released. The representatives of the local union whose duty it is to issue travel cards cannot issue a second travel card to a member who has a travel card deposited in a sister local union.

The installation of officers of this local union was held at our last meeting, with General Organizer Virtue officiating. Refreshments were served following the installation.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 5, 1959.

## Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

Robert F. Farrell of the San Francisco Board of Education was in the office this past week to obtain the names and addresses of those members who had signed up for the electric watch classes. He informed us that those members who have registered for the San Francisco classes on the electric watch would be notified that the beginning date for the classes will be January 20 and 22, and weekly thereafter. Your notification will specify which class you are scheduled to attend.

Inasmuch as there were more applicants to take the class than could be accommodated, some of the members who registered for the Tuesday night class will have to attend the Thursday night class instead. Also, a few of the members who made their application toward the last, are on the extra list and will be notified as soon as a vacancy occurs.

The classes will be held at the John O'Connell Vocational High School and Technical Institute located at 22nd and Harrison Streets in San Francisco, from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and will be under the direction of Gilbert West.

**SAN FRANCISCO MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** The next membership meeting will be held on Thursday, January 22nd at 7:30 p.m.—Native Sons Hall, 414 Mason Street, San Francisco.

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## Chips and Chatter

By AL THOMAS

I missed a little item in my last report to the extent that the Credit Union meeting Saturday, the 17th is at one o'clock in the afternoon at Local 36. The hour was not mentioned for some reason or other, mainly that I forgot.

You have been sent the letter from the District Council concerning hiring halls. It means approximately that we in this area have operated in the spirit and idea basic to that which is desired by NLRB. In my opinion, that is, a man who hires our services has the right to hire or fire and no one tells him who or when except as he wants.

If a boss calls in and asks for you by name or sends a note with you we will be able to dispatch you to the job with no problems for the employer or ourselves.

You will get a mailing about a special called meeting for election of delegates to the State Council Convention. Come on down and vote for those you want to represent you in San Diego next month.

We will have a special call in of apprentices to the general committee for disciplining purposes in the next few weeks. So boys beware and get your school record up to date. Remember no school will mean no work as you have been told.

## Commies lose out in British unions

WASHINGTON — Iain MacLeod, British minister of labor, urged the free world to take the initiative in the cold war with communism.

Mostly, he said, the West has had to react to crisis caused by the Communists, as in Quemoy-Matsu, Berlin and elsewhere.

"We might look to places where there is no particular tension at the moment and see if we can't clean up some of the difficulties there that are long-standing," the minister proposed. In the Near East, he suggested working for peace between Israel and the Arab states.

Since the Soviet Union has turned to an economic war, MacLeod said, "we must look to our own economies first and make them as sound as we possibly can. Then we must take up the economic challenge of communism in all the countries of the world—particularly in the under-developed countries."

The free world is making progress in the cold war, the British minister asserted, and cited the trade union situation in Great Britain.

"One or two unions in my country," he said "were under Communist control. There has been a considerable change over the last couple of years, particularly over the last year. In one or two of the great unions in my country, Communist influence has been steadily declining. That is a splendid and important thing and I hope it goes on."—AFLCIO News.

## Jobless insurance for armed forces already in effect

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The new Federal program extending unemployment insurance protection to the Armed Forces became effective October 27. Participating are all States, Alaska, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell announced.

The program will be administered by the Labor Department's Bureau of Employment Security in cooperation with affiliated State employment security agencies. It is based on the Ex-Servicemen's Unemployment Compensation Act of 1958 (UCX). It provides unemployment insurance protection to members of the Armed Forces and to ex-servicemen who entered service after January 31, 1955.

To be eligible for unemployment compensation, an ex-serviceman must meet provisions of the State where he first files a claim for unemployment compensation, and meet certain Federal requirements. He will not receive benefits, however, until after periods covered by lump-sum terminal leave and mustering-out payments have expired. Certain other instances, such as when the serviceman is receiving an educational or training allowance, may bar him from claiming jobless benefits.

Under UCX, the amount of wages upon which an ex-serviceman's benefits will be computed will be determined from a schedule issued by the Secretary of Labor specifying the applicable remuneration for each pay grade.—Dept. of Labor press release.

## Ousted Laundry Workers Union routed by AFLCIO one in Wisconsin vote

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—The AFL-CIO Laundry and Dry Cleaning International Union routed the expelled Laundry Workers in representation elections conducted in nine plants here by the Wisconsin Employment Relations Board.

The extent of the victory, coupled with court action by the AFLCIO affiliate, may lead to recognition of the clean laundry union by the remaining plants in Milwaukee, without the necessity of drawn-out plant-by-plant elections. Nearly 2,000 people are employed in the industry here. — AFLCIO News.

## \$155,147 in 1958 to battle cancer

Jack R. Greer of the Alameda County branch of the American Cancer Society announces that "we raised in this county in 1958 \$155,147.00 for education, research and service to sufferers from cancer." He adds that "we have lately had an estimate from national headquarters that the number of persons in this country who have been cured of cancer is now 800,000."

Greer thanked East Bay Labor Journal for giving publicity to the fight against cancer.

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## AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,  
A. J. HAYES,  
Recording Secretary

## CARPENTERS 1158

Will hold a Special Called meeting Friday, January 23, 1959 at 8:00 p.m., 2108 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, to nominate and elect Delegates to the State Council of Carpenters Convention.

Fraternally,  
H. B. RICHARDSON,  
Recording Secretary

You are cordially invited to attend the 6th annual meeting of the Hess 1158 Credit Union Friday, January 16, 1959, 8:00 p.m., in the Veterans Memorial Hall, 1931 Center Street in Berkeley. Entertainment and refreshments will be served.

Hess 1158 Credit Union was established for the sole purpose of aiding the members of Carpenters Local Union 1158 of Berkeley from which it derives its membership.

Come out and fellowship with us and see what the Credit Union can do for you.

The Committee

## CARPENTERS 194, 1158 & 1473

The Business Agents' and Dispatchers' office is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, room 232, phone TWinoaks 3-1120.

## SHEET METAL WORKERS 216

Next meeting of the membership will be held Wednesday, January 21, 1959, 8:00 p.m., Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland.

This is a regular meeting as no special meeting has been scheduled for the month of January. We expect to initiate sixteen apprentices at this meeting. Members are urged to attend.

Death Assessments No. 430 and 431 are now due and payable. Brother Frank E. Dodge, No. 133-432, a member of Local No. 104, San Francisco, passed away on November 1, 1958. Brother Thomas L. Izard, No. 95804, a member of Local No. 2, Kansas City, Missouri, but who had previously been a member of the Oakland Local and continued to carry his Death Assessments here, passed away on November 8, 1958.

Fraternally yours,  
LLOYD CHILD,  
Business Representative

## CARPENTERS 36

There will be a Special Called meeting Friday at 8 p.m., January 16, 1959, at 761 - 12th Street, Oakland, California, for the election of delegates to the California State Council of Carpenters Convention. Please come and cast your vote.

Carpenter's 36 Credit Union will hold its annual business meeting Saturday at 1 p.m., January 17, 1959, at the above address. This organization is not for profit, not for charity but for service to the members. Please try and attend these important meetings.

Fraternally yours,  
OSCAR N. ANDERSON,  
Recording Secretary

## STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

### IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Special Called Meeting Thursday, January 15th at 8:00 p.m. to consider retaining, modifying, or eliminating our death benefit.

Also report of the delegates to the merger convention.

Executive Board meets at 6:30 p.m.

NOTICE TO STEWARDS AND COMMITTEEMEN OF EAST BAY UNION OF MACHINISTS LOCAL 1304. The Joint Stewards Council will meet SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 1959 at 10:30 A.M.

Agenda: The 1959 Negotiations, and Plant problems. This is the first Joint Stewards Council of the year, it's IMPORTANT THAT ALL STEWARDS AND COMMITTEEMEN ATTEND THIS MEETING.

Fraternally yours,  
DAVE ARCA,  
Recording Secretary

## CARPENTERS 1473

Fruitvale Local 1473 will have a Special Called meeting on Friday, January 16, 1959 at 8:00 p.m. in Eagle Hall, 1228 - 36th Ave., Oakland, to elect delegates to the State Council of Carpenters convention. We will probably hear a report on the State Federation convention if time allows.

Fraternally,  
J. W. KIRKMAN,  
Recording Secretary

## PLUMBERS & GAS FITTERS 444

The next regular meeting of the Plumbers & Gas Fitters Local Union No. 444 will be held on Wednesday, January 28, 1959, in Hall A on the first floor of the Labor Temple Building, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, California.

1. We will conduct the regular order of business.

2. Installation of officers.

3. On the meeting nights of November and December of 1958, the union office gave a special service by working an assistant to Pearl Bliss so that members wishing to pay their January 1959 dues, could receive their 1959-60-61 dues books. We will continue this special service for the meeting night of January 28, 1959 only. The union officers and the delegates to the Building Trades Council may also sign and receive their books. Please make every effort to attend this meeting and secure your new dues book.

4. Refreshments will be served upon adjournment.

Please make every effort to attend your union meetings.

Fraternally,  
BEN H. BEYNON,  
Bus. Mgr. & Fin. Treas.

## AUTO & SHIP PAINTERS 1176

The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, January 20, in Hall D of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, at 8:00 p.m.

Fraternally,  
LESLIE K. MOORE,  
Business Representative

## HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

Unless otherwise specified regular meetings will be held at the Labor Temple 1050 Mattox Road, Hayward, each Friday at 8 p.m.

The Local has arranged a special service for members by assigning one office girl to help members with problems concerned with Health and Welfare, Workman's Compensation, Disability and Unemployment Insurance, Pensions, Vacation pay and other problems pertaining to benefits obtained through negotiations with the employer.

These services may be had commencing February 3, 1959, each Tuesday and Thursday of every week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The members are advised to take advantage of this special planned service. The office has found that some members have not made applications or have delayed making applications with the result they have not received the benefits to which they are entitled.

Fraternally yours,  
MARIUS WALDAL,  
Recording Secretary

## HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

The twenty-third annual Conference of Painters convention call is dated February 27 through March 1st at the Sainte Clare Hotel in San Jose. So, a special meeting of Local 1178 will be called Friday night, January 16, to nominate candidates to be elected as delegates to this convention at a later date.

Fraternally yours,  
ROBERT G. MILLER,  
Recording Secretary

## HAYWARD CULINARY 823

The next regular meeting will be held at union headquarters at 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 20.

Fraternally,  
ROY WOODS,  
Secretary-Treasurer

## UNITED STEELWORKERS 1798

Friday, January 23, 8:00 p.m., 2315 Valdez street, Hall D, Oakland.

Fraternally,  
DOROTHY McDAID,  
Recording Secretary

## S. F.-OAKLAND MAILERS 18

The next regular meeting of San Francisco-Oakland Mailers' Union, No. 18 will be held at Key System Building, 410 - 11th Street, Oakland, California on Sunday afternoon, January 18, 1959 at 1:00 p.m.

Fraternally,  
H. W. STAFFORD,  
Secretary

## AUTOMOBILE SALESMEN 1095

Please be advised that the next regular meeting of Automobile Salesmen 1095, will be held February 5, 1959 at 8:00 p.m.

Location: Cooks Hall, 1608 Webster street, Oakland. All members should attend this meeting.

Fraternally,  
ALBERT R. SILVA,  
Secretary

## PAINTERS LOCAL 127

The negotiations for our new agreement are about to start, and now's the time for the members to send in any suggestions or changes they would like to see in the new agreement.

Just write them down on paper and send them to the office and the committee will see what they can do to help the conditions of our trade. Let's hear what the members would like done.

Come down to the next meeting, Thursday, January 22, and hear a discussion on what suggestions are sent into the office for the new agreement.

Fraternally yours,  
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## Hughie Rutledge back from Mexico

Hugh Rutledge, Painters 127, who has been away in Mexico on sick leave for some time, is back in Oakland, and expects to be back at work for the District Council of Painters as a business representative by February 2.

J. S. "Blackie" Miller in the Local 127 column in this issue says that at the next meeting of the local, on January 22, Brother Rutledge will show "moving pictures on various items all the way from the northern reaches of Canada to the southern part of Mexico."

Rutledge has been prominent in civic affairs for years, and has a distinguished record as a member of the Oakland Planning Commission.

## Plot set aside for FDR memorial in U. S. capital

WASHINGTON — A 27-acre plot on the bank of the Potomac River in Washington has been offered by the National Capital Park Service as a site for the memorial to the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt first proposed by the 1953 convention of the Communications Workers.

The site is in West Potomac Park southeast of the Lincoln Memorial — a magnet for millions of visitors annually — and borders the Tidal Basin. — AFL-CIO News.

DRIVER EDUCATION and training class enrolments, Laney Evening Campus, Oakland City College, at 1024 Third Avenue, are now being accepted for the program starting January 27, according to Fred Mangelsdorf, associate dean.

## Social insurance policies of new State leadership

On the social insurance front, Governor Brown has confined his recommendations to general statements, with few specifics.

Pointing out that no family can meet its basic needs on the present \$40 per week unemployment insurance benefit, Brown said simply that the "level of unemployment insurance benefits clearly should be raised".

Also, based on the experience of the recession, he expressed the need to extend the duration of benefits beyond the present maximum of 26 weeks, "at least whenever unemployment has reached a given percentage of the work force".

In workmen's compensation, the Governor recommended prompt action "to correct the striking inadequacy in the vocational rehabilitation provisions for injured workmen," and indicated that the amount and duration of workmen's compensation benefits "may well need to be increased". Brown added: "The same is true of disability benefits".

Organized labor in California has called for detailed and far reaching liberalization of the three social insurance programs referred to by Governor Brown, including a \$75 per week workmen's compensation benefit, a \$65 weekly benefit for unemployment and unemployment disability insurance, an extension of coverage by these programs to all wage earners, and numerous other long overdue revisions. — California Labor Federation.



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## Loyalty oath hit: Deceptive device against disloyal

Just before the Federal Education Act was passed last August Senator Karl E. Mundt proposed and the Senate adopted by voice vote an amendment requiring every recipient of federal loan, scholarship, or fellowship to take oath that "he does not believe in, is not a member of, and does not support any organization that believes in or teaches the overthrow of the United States Government by force or violence or by any illegal or unconstitutional methods."

The American Association of University Professors is officially urging the appropriate committees of Congress to further a repeal of this provision.

Manifestly, neither America's college teaching profession nor America's general public wants disloyal persons receiving governmental educational aid—especially when there are so many qualified loyal persons eager to make use of it. Then why the objections?

The AAUP makes specifically the point that the law is so loosely drawn that those who take such an oath would be kept under threat of the penalties for perjury by those who might supply their own definitions of loyalty and disloyalty. Aside from this, there are certain simple and basic objections:

The loyalty oath is a deceptively futile device for screening out the disloyal. Those who do plot to overthrow the government would not have the slightest compunction against swearing they do not.

And such a loyalty oath is both unfair and in a sense degrading. It singles out a particular class of persons and suggests that they are prone to disloyalty and must swear they are not. Why sully the fair name of education with such implications?—**Christian Science Monitor.**

## Auto injuries top worker accidents

Motor vehicle accidents rank as the most deadly of all occupational accidents, with a fatality rate nearly eight times that for other work accidents. In recent years around 30 deaths were recorded for every 1,000 disabling injuries caused by work-connected motor vehicle accidents. This compares with a rate of about 4 deaths for every 1,000 disabling work injuries from other causes.

Nearly 200 Californians died and more than 6,000 suffered nonfatal lost-time injuries in work accidents involving moving highway motor vehicles during 1957. This was under the record peak reached in 1956. — **Industrial Relations Department.**

## Schoemann hopeful on jurisdiction

CHICAGO — The machinery is at hand to bring the disputes between building trades unions and industrial unions "out into the open where we hope they can be settled with due regard to the paramount rights of all parties concerned," President Peter T. Schoemann of the Plumbers and Pipe Fitters declared here.

Schoemann told a testimonial dinner honoring President Lawrence M. Raftery of the Painters, recently elected an AFLCIO vice president, that while final solutions to the dispute have not yet been found "we are making some progress." — **AFLCIO News.**



Dick Richardson

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## Miners' paper on the costliness of backing race bias

"On economic grounds, the United States cannot afford racial injustice."

Thus states The Sign, national Catholic magazine, in an editorial.

There is no question but that this statement is supported by facts, grim facts. Racial discrimination leads to poor standards of education, oppressive housing conditions and lowered productivity in industry.

"It is not just an accident," The Sign says, "that those states with the greatest degree of racial discrimination happen to have the poorest educational systems." It is noted that school facilities often are wastefully duplicated, resulting in an unnecessary draining of tax resources and inadequate schooling for the students.

There is no doubt but that the Southern states need new industries to bring better economic conditions to that part of the country. But business men certainly are going to proceed with extreme caution before they spend their corporations' money to move into areas where civil strife and low educational standards exist and are even being encouraged, even if indirectly, by the so-called responsible state and local authorities.

As far as housing is concerned, the Northern states are no less guilty than the Southern states on the question of segregation. Segregated housing, while not legally enforced in the North, is often permitted and even encouraged—unofficially.

And housing restrictions lead to the creation of slums. Slums are always costly in terms of crime, vice, police protection, disease and lowered tax returns. — **United Mine Workers Journal.**

## Auto smog

The Board of Directors of the Bay Area Air Pollution Control District have received word that representatives of the Automobile Manufacturers in Detroit will meet with them early next month to discuss current work on automotive exhaust control.

## Work and freedom songs to be published under Joe Glazer editorship

CHICAGO — The Labor Education Division of Roosevelt University is planning to publish a new volume "Songs of Work and Freedom" which will contain 100 well-known and not so well-known union songs, work songs and famous songs of social significance.

The book, four years in preparation, is the work of Joe Glazer, education director of the Rubber Workers and widely known as "labor's troubador," and Edith Fowkes, Canadian folk song specialist.

The volume will contain music and words, and notes on the song's origin. Information on the book, price and bulk orders is available from Roosevelt University, Labor Education Division, 430 South Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill. — **AFLCIO News.**

## Federal jobless aid is behind in it standards

WASHINGTON — "Glaring shortcomings" in the unemployment compensation program can be corrected only through nationwide standards of benefits and eligibility, Nelson H. Cruikshank, director of the AFLCIO Department of Social Security, told the 58th annual meeting of the National Consumers League.

Cruikshank's criticism of the "fantastic and irrational" experience rating system found in most state laws was echoed by a former social security commissioner, Arthur J. Altmeyer — **AFLCIO News.**

## Railroads are accused of neglect of signals

WASHINGTON — Many railroads have created "dangerous" situations for the traveling public by "gross neglect" of signal systems, the Railway Labor Executives Association charged as it ended a week-long meeting in Washington.

Some roads are simply "failing to make the inspections required by the Signal Inspection Law," charged President Jesse Clark of the Railroad Signalmen, who issued the statement on behalf of the RLEA — **AFLCIO News.**

## ILO neglected as world policy aid, says IUE leader

WASHINGTON — The United States is making a fundamental error by not utilizing the International Labor Organization to implement foreign policy more effectively, according to George L-P Weaver, legislative director of the International Union of Electrical Workers.

Weaver some time ago returned from Geneva, where for the second consecutive year he served as an adviser to the U. S. worker delegate to the annual ILO conference.

"The tripartite structure of the ILO enables a country to go beyond the diplomats. It brings together top labor people and top employers, and an even broader group of government representatives than the United Nations.

"This permits access to a broader range of opinion and exchange than a country can usually get from the professional diplomats," he said.

Weaver served as secretary of the workers' group on the ILO Plantation Committee, which perfected a convention and a recommendation that were approved by the full conference.

"The committee's efforts constituted one of the most important ILO activities," he said, "because they represent an effective way to help and to provide an instrument for self-help to the underdeveloped countries where there are plantations.

"The results are more practical than legalistic. They provide for better working conditions and arbitration for wage and condition claims—a charter for the workers and a guide to collective bargaining." — **AFLCIO News.**

## Employment drops

Wages and salary employment, exclusive of domestic, agricultural, and self-employed workers, in the three Pacific Coast States, dropped by 45,000 to a mid-November total of 5,800,000, according to Max D. Kossoris, Western Regional Director of the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. The usual drop between October and November is about 76,000.

## Effect of strikes on the economy is small, says AFLCIO

WASHINGTON — The role of the strike in the over-all picture of American collective bargaining and economic activity is so small as to be almost insignificant, a study by the AFLCIO Department of Research shows.

In the current issue of its monthly Collective Bargaining Report, the department poses the 1957 figures on "the workers' ultimate weapon in his relation with his employer," as compiled by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, in their proper context and makes the following points:

"The 3,673 strikes represent only about 3 percent of all collective bargaining situations. In 97 percent of the cases, the parties concerned carried on their relations and settled their differences without any work stoppage.

"The 1.39 million workers involved in strikes during 1957 was only 2 percent of the non-agricultural work-force.

"The total number of man-days idle, 16.5 million, was only 0.14 percent of the total work time of all workers and far less than the 40 million man-days lost because of on-the-job accidents. A total of 99.86 percent of all work-time was carried on without interruption by strikes.

"The days lost by strikes are an even smaller proportion of the total lost work-time represented by the enforced idleness of the unemployed.

"When viewed in relation to the total collective bargaining and economic activity, the work-time lost as a result of strikes involves only a very minute fraction of the total activity of the nation." — **AFLCIO News.**

## High employment coming, says PG&E

Northern and Central California will continue growing in population and general business activity at a vigorous pace in 1959, Pacific Gas and Electric Company forecasts.

The annual business outlook published as a 32-page brochure by the company's market research department foresees a high level of employment and personal income, increasing industrial development, gains in residential and commercial construction, and a farm income equaling or exceeding past records. The forecast is based on an analysis of economic data from many sources plus local information gathered by PG&E managers in scores of communities throughout the region.

An estimated \$156 million expenditure by PG&E for new construction of utility facilities during the year will contribute to the economic activity and create thousands of jobs, says the survey.

## Vince Hallinan of IPP in new drive

An initiative petition campaign is being launched in Berkeley to place an ordinance prohibiting discrimination or segregation in housing on the ballot for the municipal election next April.

Originators of the petition are a group called United Socialist Action. Vincent Hallinan, San Francisco attorney and former presidential candidate of the Independent Progressive Party, is chairman of the group, and G. W. White of Berkeley is its secretary. The notice of intention to circulate the petition was published in the name of Mrs. Dorothy N. Mullen, also of Berkeley.



## Ash appointed as Finks writes and Chronicle opines

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Council in the Department of Employment, of which Finks is a member.

Brown has appointed Elton Lawless, San Francisco attorney, to a \$15,000 place on the State Industrial Accident Commission. Lawless replaces Roland J. Henning.

## Brown sends biography of Ash to the press

Following is the January 9 press release issued by Governor Brown January 9, on the appointment of Ash:

Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown said today he will nominate and send to the State Senate for confirmation the name of Robert S. Ash of Oakland as a member of the State Personnel Board for a 10-year term.

Ash, 51, is secretary-treasurer of the Alameda County Central Labor Council. He replaces Harry W. Finks, whose term expires January 15, 1959. The post pays \$6200 a year.

Ash, born July 1, 1907, in Cleburn, Texas, has been a union official since 1936, when he was elected secretary of Garage Employees Local 78 of the Teamsters Union in Oakland.

He has headed the Alameda County Central Labor Council since 1943 and has been a vice-president of the California State Federation of Labor (now the California Labor Federation) since 1944.

Ash has been a member of the Alameda County Probation Committee since 1946, on the board of trustees of Hayward Union High School District since 1956 and a member of the board of directors of the Community Chest since 1943. He is also a member of Bay View Lodge 401 of the Masons.

Ash, a Democrat, lives with his wife, Mildred, at 17456 Almond Road, Castro Valley. They have two children, Mrs. Barbara Judd, 20, and William, 19, a student at San Jose State College.

## Recall battle in Fremont discussed

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felt that perhaps some of those on the other side should be invited to speak before the Central Labor Council.

CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash, who had previously informed the delegates that he had been receiving anonymous letters and also phone calls from persons who refused to give their names on the Fremont fight, said that one man who was on the other side had said he would appear at the COPE meeting this week and state the case of the opposition.

East Bay Labor Journal in its December 26 issue published a resolution of the Central Labor Council opposing the recall of Mrs. Bendel.

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## BTC discusses jury duty wage

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Christmas Committee for many years reported that during the past holiday season the committee did not raise as much money as it had hoped, but that a good job was done providing Christmas cheer to veterans in the local hospitals, and that he wished to thank all labor people who had assisted the project.

### APPRENTICE BILL

Bill Marshall of the Carpenters called attention to the bill on apprenticeship which Congressman John F. Shelley of San Francisco is introducing in the House this session. BTC Vice President Al Thoman and Charles Geroni of the Carpet & Linoleum Layers said that before the council sent any message to Washington about the bill a copy of it should be secured and examined. This met with the approval of the delegates.

Others who expressed approval of this were Ed. Gulbransen of the Painters and Charles Roe of the Carpenters.

BTC Secretary John Davy had called attention recently to the Building & Construction Trades Bulletin of November, which emphasized the importance of apprenticeship to the building trades.

Labor Secretary Mitchell was quoted as declaring that the country needed 1.7 million more skilled craftsmen in the work force by 1965; a considerable proportion of these would be skilled building tradesmen.

In fact, Mitchell said, building tradesmen constitute about one-third of all skilled craftsmen in America. He also stated that in the five-year period 1951-56 while total employment increased about 4 million the number of craftsmen did not increase at all.

"Even more shocking," said Mitchell, "is the lack of interest which our young people have shown in skilled craftsmen occupations." He said that there were 220,000 less craftsmen un-

## Disclosure law's forms available

The forms for registration of health and welfare and pension programs under the federal disclosure law enacted by Congress last year are now available at the Regional Office of the Department of Labor, 630 Sansome Street, San Francisco.

The filing of a description of plans with the Secretary of Labor is required by March 31, 1959. The regional office of the Department will mail up to 50 copies of the forms, together with instructions, upon request. Additional copies may be obtained from the Bureau of Labor Standards, Welfare and Pension Reports Division, of the Department of Labor in Washington, D. C.

Registration of negotiated health and welfare and pension programs under California's Rees-Doyle Act was the subject of hearings by the State Insurance Commissioner in San Francisco recently. The Commissioner is considering extending the registration deadline under the California law to January 31, 1959, or some other appropriate date. His decision will be forthcoming in the near future. — California Labor Federation.

der 25 in the year 1956 than in 1951.

### ST. ROSE HOSPITAL

Charles Roe, Hayward Carpenters 1622, who has served on the board of the St. Rose hospital fund, was named on a committee by President Pruss to solicit funds for the project, which has been endorsed by both the BTC and the Central Labor Council. Others on the committee are Joe Egan, Plasterers, and Charles Geroni, Carpet & Linoleum Layers.

Roe said that under the terms of the Hill-Burton Act the hospital fund will receive \$1,450,000.

### HAYWARD COUNCIL

Roe said the Hayward City Council deserved praise for the willingness it had shown to reverse one of its own decisions when it found the decision was wrong. He was referring to the freezing of all building permits due to the new zoning law. The freeze, when workers in the building industry protested against, was canceled.

### CONTRACTS APPROVED

On motion of the Law & Legislation Committee, the new contracts of the Roofers and of Sheet Metal Workers 216 were approved.

### CREDENTIAL

Tony Sanzo, a former delegate, was seated for Glaziers 169.

### WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

The State BTC again reminded the local council of the extreme importance of having representatives not only from the council but from as many individual locals as possible at the big legislative conference of building tradesmen in Washington in March.

### McDONOUGH, FULTON

The council adjourned out of respect to the memories of M. J. McDonough and Ed. Fulton.

## Lowell Nelson appointed to succeed McDonough; Arywitz to enforce laws

Governor Brown this week appointed Lowell Nelson, secretary of the Solano County Central Labor Council, to the \$12,000 a year post of chief of the division of housing in the Department of Industrial Relations. He succeeds the late Michael J. McDonough.

Sigmund Arywitz, director of public relations and education for the Ladies Garment Workers in Los Angeles, was appointed by Brown to the \$13,500 post of chief of the division of labor law enforcement in the same department.

## Federation introduces 146 bills, calls confab on 'labor reform' bill

C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the California Labor Federation, has issued a call for a Statewide conference of representatives of central labor and craft councils February 7 in San Francisco, to consider Governor Brown's "labor reform" bill.

Haggerty said that the Federation's legislative program "found its way into concrete bill form this week when friendly legislators dropped some 146 implementing bills into the legislative hoppers in Sacramento."

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## COPE TO NOMINATE OFFICERS FEB. 10

Alameda County COPE Secretary Robert S. Ash announces that the next meeting, to be held February 10 at 8 p.m. at the Labor Temple, will receive nominations of officers for the ensuing year, the election to be held at the meeting March 10.

## Big stores offer to the Engineers; Ohio Chem strike

The big department stores of Oakland, where 22 members of the Stationary Engineers are employed, have been engaged in rather hectic negotiations with that union, but have finally made the offer the demand for which has been the subject of the most controversy.

Central Labor Council Assistant Secretary Richard Groulx, on the council subcommittee which has been assisting in the negotiations, summed it up by saying that "for writing down formally clauses which the union has long enjoyed without having them in writing, the management wished to pay 12 cents instead of 15 cents."

The 3-cent difference is a differential which the engineers on this side of the bay have had compared with those in San Francisco, and Herb Sims, the union representative, explained that this extra three cents is for work actually performed here that is not done on the other side of the bay.

Sims announced that the union has now been on strike six weeks against the Ohio Chemical Company of Berkeley, where the union has about 20 members normally employed. Sims said that recently the company had been making some noises about "sabotage," but that if it would make an investigation it would probably find that "the few scabs that are working there" are capable of incompetence that would seem like sabotage.

## Second Leadership Conference coming

Plans for the second annual Leadership Conference sponsored by the Central Labor Council are now being made, the council having adopted the recommendation made by the executive committee to this effect.

It will be held in late April or early May.

The first gathering of the sort was held in Monterey last year, and was so successful in handling subjects of immediate practical importance to union officers in these trying times that it was decided to make it an annual event.

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## Labor editor in St. Louis comments on death of a Red

The recent death of William Sentner, the Greater St. Louis Area's most notorious known Communist, leaves something for conjecture. "Bill" Sentner was a poor boy, intelligent, ambitious and bitter. To him, the old gods had failed and Communism was the wave of the future. He was a dedicated, fanatical Communist and everyone knew where he stood.

When John L. Lewis broke with the AFL and formed the CIO, he presented the radical Left and the Communists with a rare opportunity to move into the labor movement. Sentner was one of the many who made the best of that opportunity, succeeding in organizing industries which had never been organized before. While most of these unions later purged the Red element, they nevertheless did benefit from Sentner's militancy and organizational skill.

The Bill Sentners of this generation cause one to wonder how highly intelligent people can swallow the obscenities and amoralties of obnoxious Communism and abjectly perform the dirty, onerous tasks the Party imposed upon them without retching and rebelling.

Yet somehow, we always had a greater respect—perhaps pity would be more appropriate—for the Bill Sentners than for the totalitarian liberals, the philo-Marxists, the well-heeled drawing room "pinks" and the university intelligentsia who sought to perform their orisons at the altar of the Red Moloch without having the guts and decency to offer the full sacrifice of self as misguided Bill Sentner did. — St. Louis Labor Tribune.

## Bank of Commerce shows gains in deposits, loans

New highs in deposits, loans and total resources were made in 1958 by Oakland Bank of Commerce, President Carrel Weaver reported. Deposits increased \$3,877,225.38 to \$62,479,160.16 as of December 31, 1958, an increase of 16.6%. Loans were \$1,635,026.46 higher at \$27,892,794.14, an increase of 6.4%.

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## Unions helped to create laws they must obey

The Fair Employment Practices Commission bill recommended by Governor Brown and introduced by Assemblyman William Byron Rumford of Berkeley and 53 other members of the Assembly forbids discrimination by employers, LABOR UNIONS, and employment agencies, against any person because of race, color, national origin or ancestry.

We have put the words, labor unions, in capitals to remind some of our readers who get all worked up about discrimination against Negroes in the South that we still have some labor unions which now are in danger of having to be compelled by law to come up to the standards of social justice prevailing in the North and West of these United States.

This should be remembered, too, the next time any of us hear loud bluster from certain quarters—namely, Hoffa, Harry Bridges, and the Peoples World—that it's the beginning of the end for freedom of unionism when the courts start messing around in union affairs. The fact is, unions are part of American society, and if they in the conduct of their affairs fall below the developing standards of decency and social justice of our society as a whole, then unions, along with all other parts of total society, are going to get reminded that they are but parts and not the whole.

Just the other day some anonymous reader sent us in a clipping in which Judge Letts' decision in the Hoffa case was underscored, with this comment in pen and ink: "Let's hear something about this in East Bay Labor Journal." Well, the above paragraphs constitute our comment.

Unions have helped to develop better standards of decency and social justice, so any union which fails to live up to those developing standards suffers punishment by social forces which unionism itself is proud of having helped to create.

## Triumph of Knowlandism

Knowlandism lost in the California elections, but won out in the choice of a successor to Knowland as leader of the Republicans in the Senate. It did so, too, with a big assist from a certain eminent General who has on occasion spread the impression that he'd like to see more specimens of a peculiar breed of GOP leaders he calls by the mystical moniker of "Eisenhower Republicans."

For when the eminent General was asked to give a helping hand to the rebellious GOP Senators who had read the election returns and wanted to bring the Geriatric Old Party out of bogs of Knowlandism, he replied that he wanted "unity" in the party. A typical bit of his mumbling! For of course unity, like Home and Mother and the Flag, is great stuff; but what was wanted was not unity, but a little vigorous disunity to get rid of what Knowland and his gang have done to the party.

So when the General, as usual, ran out of his allies, the rebels lost, and the ineffable Dirksen was chosen to carry on the traditions of Knowlandism.

Tom Kuchel of California, one of the rebels, was rewarded with the post of whip, or assistant leader, which means he has the privilege of whipping the lads into line for Knowlandism, which Kuchel is smart enough to know is what is going to kill him at the polls when next he faces the voters in California.

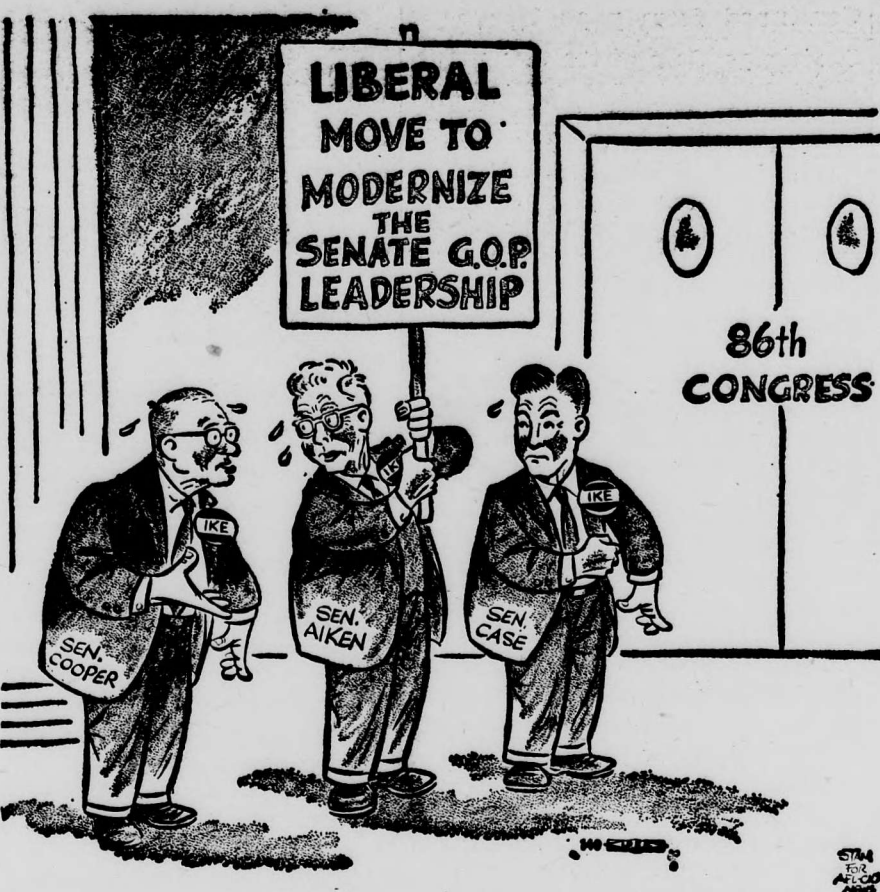
## Pity the Legion Commander!

American Legion National Commander Preston J. Moore told reporters in the Bay Area recently he is disturbed by the spread of Socialism, as "there is more and more of it in this country." He expressed particular dislike for what he called "public health for all," and then got down to cases about the additional \$225 millions annually he wants for veterans' benefits.

In the good old days when there was no "Socialism" in this country or anywhere else in the world, if you got your leg or arm shot off in war, that was just your bad luck; for by heck, you were a rugged individual, weren't you, and you could take your luck or leave it, no mollycoddling.

Commander Preston would obviously just love to get back into that kind of a country and a world. In the meantime, he's been ordered by his comrades in the Legion to go around the walls of Jericho blowing a trumpet and asking for another 25,000,000 bucks annually for social benefits to veterans. We pity the poor man for having to fight his own principles.

## 'Wish Ike Would Join OUR Crusade'



**MOUNTAINS BRING FORTH MICE.** The highly publicized-in-advance battle of the liberals in both major parties to bring about big reforms at the opening of Congress proved in the test to result in small mice brought forth by mountains of publicity. With President Eisenhower doing a lot of not-helping them, the GOP insurgents failed to make Senator Cooper of Kentucky minority leader in place of Knowland, getting reactionary Dirksen of Illinois shoved down their throats, but getting Kuchel of California as his first aide. In the House, the GOP insurgents replaced conservative Martin with conservative Halleck as minority leader. In the Senate end-the-filibuster fight, the Confederates, led by Democratic Majority Leader Johnson, triumphantly retreated about one yard to their previously prepared position, with California's new Democratic Senator, Clair Engle, voting with them in the end, and Kuchel the GOPite voting against them all the way through.

## COURT OF LAST RESORT IN LABOR MOVEMENT?

In last weeks East Bay Labor Journal Rev. Father Andrew C. Boss, S. J., in an article republished from Panel, publication of the University of San Francisco Labor-Management School, of which he is the director, discussed the tensions within the labor movement. In the following completion of the article, he discusses a possible remedy:

Perhaps the reason why union membership as a percentage of the organization has not grown as fast as the increase in population may be attributed to this preoccupation with the discord in the house of labor. With the pulling and hauling that is going on in the labor movement how does it expect to reach the ever growing number of white collar workers? With the relative decrease in the number of blue collar workers labor must turn elsewhere, if it is to continue to grow with the work force or even to maintain its present membership. This will not be done unless the labor movement finds a solution to its own problems.

Mr. Arthur J. Goldberg, special counsel, AFL-CIO, in an address at the University of Wisconsin, November 5, 1958, urged a summit meeting of the top people from management and labor to discuss their common economic problems. He suggested that these meetings be in no way connected with collective bargaining in order to remove the discussions away from the atmosphere of crisis that always hangs over the bargaining table. This sounds like a very good idea, but how can such a discussion be accomplished and what good can come of it, if labor cannot solve its own internal problems.

If the parties to the various disputes within labor remain impervious to any appeal to common sense to make peace terms, it is not too farfetched to set up a court of last resort within the labor movement. Since we have arbitration to settle disputes between labor and management, which is really a post-World War II development, why can't there be a final judiciary body within labor?

It might take the form of our legal jury system. This court would be formed of a judge se-

lected either by the parties to the dispute or by impartial persons. He should have experience on the bench at least at the municipal level. Both sides would be represented by counsel and whatever experts they need. The attorneys would then impanel a jury much as we do in our courts today.

The final decision would be given by the jury and not by the judge. The jurisdiction would be limited only to major issues of intra-union jurisdiction and causes serious enough to warrant expulsion from the federation. It would be concerned only with intra-union disputes and would not be concerned with grievances and charges of an individual. Both sides would thus have a fair chance to present all the evidence and not be called merely to answer charges that have been alleged. Any particular union or the federation would have the right to file suit with the court.

This admittedly would be an expensive process. All costs would be borne by the contending parties or as the judge would see fit to assess the charges. This in itself would prevent the bringing of unfounded charges before the court. The court would be operated for and by labor to settle its own internal problems. Perhaps the idea is farfetched, but at least some such scheme should be considered. It is better than having a house divided.

### Mikoyan

It is possible to understand, but not to condone, the events that surged around Anastas Mikoyan, Soviet Deputy Premier, upon his arrival at San Francisco International Airport Saturday. . . . These demonstrators, it is obvious, need instruction in American ways. — S. F. Chronicle.

## OPINIONS

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### BAY METAL TRADES COUNCIL'S PROTEST

Editor, Labor Journal:

The attention of this Council has been directed to the editorial entitled "Privately owned 'Labor' Press speaks up loudly", which appeared in the December 26, 1958 issue of your paper.

At the special Executive Board meeting of this Council, held on Wednesday, January 7th, the matter of this editorial was thoroughly discussed, and the following action was taken:

"Moved, Seconded and Carried that a communication be directed to the Editor of the East Bay Labor Journal protesting the editorial which appeared in the 12/26/58 issue of this paper."

It was the general consensus of the Executive Board that the derogatory remarks in this editorial were unwarranted and obviously based on unauthorized and unreliable information and that editorials of this nature are not conducive to establishing harmonious relations among the various segments of organized labor.

Therefore, we are requesting that, in the future, when referring to this Council in your paper that all information be verified by those responsible for the conduct of our business.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

JOSEPH NOBRIGA,  
Secretary

cc: Alameda County Central Labor Council — Building Trades Council

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The editorial to which Brother Nobriga refers said: Nor is the Bay Area Metal Trades Council a puny organization. It would seem unnecessary before making such a statement to ask verification from those responsible for the conduct of the Metal Trades Council's business.

The editorial was discussing the contention of Langdon W. Post, Olympic Press editor, that "the Labor Councils whose unions are served by the Olympic Press newspapers are financially unable to publish a newspaper, even one of the size and quality of East Bay Labor Journal."

Our contention was, and is, that many labor groups which now get Olympic Press to serve them for a profit—profit to the Olympic Press! — should do everything possible to own, control, and operate their own paper. This is a point we have made in many editorial over the years, and have expressed at many gatherings of labor press people.

The Central Labor Council and Building Trades Council of Alameda County quit "sponsoring" the Olympic Press some 30 years ago, when these councils were much smaller than now, and ever since have been running their own paper, East Bay Labor Journal. It is only natural for us to suggest that other councils work toward the same goal.

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### FEUDAL!

"If present trends continue, the U. S. will have 200,000 farms producing 95 percent of the crops and livestock and 3,000,000 farm families producing the rest," Stanley Andrews told a recent co-op meeting in Kansas City. Further commented Andrews, former chief of the U. S. technical aid overseas and now directing a farm communications project: "Most countries are breaking up the old feudal states. In the U. S., for the first time in history, we are creating them." — Farmer Union Herald.